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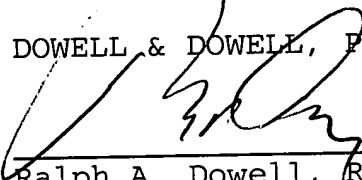
37 C.F.R. § 1.121 due to the presence of text at the top of the first page of the claims. The Examiner confirmed that a page break inserted immediately prior to the beginning of claim 1 would overcome the Examiner's objection.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application continues to be in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. ☒ The communication filed 24 MAY 2004 is informal/non-responsive for the reason(s) checked below and should be corrected. APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER OR UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE SET IN THE LAST OFFICE ACTION (WHICHEVER IS LONGER) WITHIN WHICH TO CORRECT THE INFORMALITY.

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3. ☐ Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119 which papers have been made of record in the file.
4. ☐ Other

NOTE! DUE TO TEXT AT TOP OF THE FIRST PAGE OF THE CLAIMS, THE CLAIM SET IS NOT A "CLEAN VERSION." CLAIMS MUST START ON A NEW SHEET, 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(3).

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